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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Community Budget Presentation with Bill Woodruff,
Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee

25X1A 1. At a meeting in his office and a luncheon session following it, Messrs. [redacted] and I talked with Bill Woodruff about the arrangements for and content of the Director's briefing of the Senate Appropriations Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on the community budget. [redacted] has written a Memorandum for the Record on the details of his discussion, but several matters of particular interest to this office are noted here:

a. The Director's briefings of the Subcommittee will probably be scheduled some time during the week of 10 April. (Woodruff explained that Senator Ellender is pressing him and all of his subcommittee chairmen to get hearings out of the way as soon as possible and the intelligence community hearings are the next order of business on the Defense bill.)

25X1 b. After reviewing [redacted] which he found quite satisfactory except for the treatment of the 5 November 1971 Presidential directive statements which [redacted] is changing), Woodruff said he thought the Director ought to plan on both a morning and an afternoon session on the community budget followed the next day by the presentation on the CIA budget. (Woodruff noted that while he understood Mr. Colby would be making the actual budget presentation it was essential that Mr. Helms be there throughout this session as he has been in the past.)

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c. Woodruff requested that six copies of the Director's statement be made available so the Subcommittee members could follow the Director's presentation. He also asked that one copy be made available to him two days before the hearing so he might make marginal notes for the Chairman which will hopefully avoid any possible confusion and unnecessary questions on the Chairman's part. He added that if he prepares any questions for the Chairman's use he will give the questions to us in advance.

d. [redacted] raised the question of having an Agency representative present at the presentations by other members of the community and Woodruff said he was not in favor of this unless the Director felt strongly about it. He said the presence of an Agency man would give an impression that the Agency was trying to spy on these sessions and could stimulate requests for equal treatment that representatives of the other community components be present at the Director's presentation. Woodruff said he would keep us informed regarding the testimony of the other witnesses.

e. Woodruff raised again the subject of identification of the total Agency budget figure at least in the Committee report and said this would probably be raised with the Director at the session on the Agency budget. Woodruff added in this connection he thought we could get assurances from the members that they would hold the line against the revelation of any further CIA budget details.

f. He said the Chairman still seems to feel better if he has a shorthand reporter present even though he knows both Woodruff and Mr. Maury are taking notes. Woodruff said they might decide to have his secretary, Jane McMullan, present to take notes and asked if I would check on her clearances. (I have since determined Miss McMullan has had a Top Secret DOD clearance and can be granted compartmented clearances on a short notice if necessary.)

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